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RECAP OF ESTIMATED EVALUATIONS OF MOST OF THE MAJOR STREAM FISHERIES IN MONTANA
(APRIL 1954)

Stream Section	: River : Miles at : Maximum : Value	: Calculated : Value of : Max. Valued : Mileage
Missouri River mainstem	270	\$ 984,000
Tribs. of mainstem of Missouri River	323	1,573,000
Headwaters of Missouri River (the Three Forks)		
Jefferson River mainstem	51	333,000
Tribs. of Jefferson River	320	2,046,000
Madison River mainstem	73	964,000
(No tribs. of Madison River included)	—	—
Gallatin River mainstem	61	562,000
Tribs. of Gallatin River	14	42,000
Subtotals - Missouri drainage	1,112	\$ 6,504,000
Yellowstone River mainstem	215	\$ 2,185,000
Tribs. of Yellowstone River	188	988,000
Subtotals - Yellowstone drainage	403	\$ 3,173,000
SUBTOTALS - ATLANTIC SLOPE	1,515	\$ 9,677,000
Clark Fork Columbia River mainstem	130	\$ 550,000
Tribs. of Clark Fork Columbia River	501	4,526,000
Kootenai River mainstem	50	400,000
Tribs. of Kootenai River	20	200,000
Subtotals - Clark Fork of Columbia drainage	701	\$ 5,676,000
SUBTOTALS - PACIFIC SLOPE	701	\$ 5,676,000
GRAND TOTAL - MONTANA	2,216	\$ 15,353,000

DELINEATION AND ESTIMATED EVALUATION OF MOST OF THE MAJOR STREAM FISHERIES IN MONTANA
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	:	: Value	: Per Mile:	Mileage
Missouri River from N.D. line to Fort Peck	185	100	\$ 2,000	\$ 200,000
Fort Peck Reservoir			(not appraised)	
Musselshell River above Ryegate	60	40	10,000	400,000
Missouri R. from Ft. Peck Res. to Morony Dam	165	80	1,500	120,000
Judith River above Hobson	35	20	4,000	80,000
Big Spring Creek	20	16	12,000	192,000
Lost Fork	15	10	1,000	10,000
Highwood Creek	20	12	1,000	12,000
Missouri River from Morony Dam to Sun River	18	10	2,000	20,000
Sun River above Vaughn	47	24	2,500	60,000
South Fork Sun River	25	15	1,000	15,000
North Fork Sun River above Teepee Rings	6	4	5,000	20,000
North Fork North Fork Sun River	20	15	5,000	75,000
South Fork North Fork Sun River	15	10	5,000	50,000
Missouri River from Sun R. to above Cascade	33	20	1,000	20,000
Smith River below South Fork	107	60	6,000	360,000
Sheep Creek	10	8	2,500	20,000
Smith River above South Fork	10	6	2,500	15,000
Missouri R. from above Cascade to Holter Dam	26	24	20,000	480,000
Dearborn River below South Fork	20	15	6,000	90,000
South Fork	7	4	1,000	4,000
Dearborn River above South Fork	30	22	3,000	66,000
Little Prickly Pear Creek	24	20	2,500	50,000
Canyon Ferry Reservoir			(not included in this compilation)	
Prickly Pear Creek above East Helena	12	12	2,000	24,000
Missouri River from Townsend to Toston Dam	20	12	6,000	72,000
Missouri R. from Toston Dam to junction of 3 Fks.	30	24	3,000	72,000
Sixteen Mile Creek	33	10	3,000	30,000
Subtotals - Missouri Mainstem	993	593		\$ 2,557,000

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Madison River below Hot Springs Creek	27	18	\$ 3,000	\$ 51,000
Madison River, Hot Springs Cr. to Meadow Lake	10	10	20,000	200,000
Madison River from Meadow Lake to Canyon	55	40	16,000	640,000
Madison River from Canyon to Hebgen Dam	5	5	14,000	70,000
Subtotals - Madison	97	73		\$ 964,000
Gallatin River below Bozeman	30	20	\$ 5,000	\$ 100,000
East Gallatin River	24	14	3,000	42,000
Gallatin River, Bozeman to West Fork	30	26	12,000	312,000
Gallatin River, West Fork to Yellowstone Park	25	15	10,000	150,000
Subtotals - Gallatin	109	75		\$ 604,000
Yellowstone River below Pompeys Pillar	307	80	\$ 2,000	\$ 160,000
Tongue River below Pumpkin Creek	20	20	1,000	20,000
Big Horn River		(not a major fishing stream)		
Little Big Horn River, Shaving Cr. to Wyo.	40	24	1,500	36,000
Yellowstone River, Pompeys Pillar to Laurel	56	25	1,000	25,000
Clark Fork above Edgar	51	30	1,000	30,000
Rock Creek below Fox	55	40	5,000	200,000
Yellowstone River from Laurel to Columbus	33	20	10,000	200,000
Stillwater River below Sioux Charlie Lake	45	36	12,000	432,000
Yellowstone River from Columbus to Gardiner	143	90	20,000	1,800,000
Boulder River	32	20	9,000	180,000
Shields River	22	18	5,000	90,000
Subtotals - Yellowstone	804	403		\$ 3,173,000

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Clark Fork of Columbia from head of Cabinet Gorge Lake to Flathead River	75	60	\$ 4,000	\$ 240,000
Thompson River	32	30	10,000	300,000
Flathead River mouth to Kerr Dam	50	40	4,000	160,000
Jocko River	20	18	6,000	108,000
From Flathead Lake to North Fork Ranger Sta.	40	32	20,000	640,000
Swan River	54	40	10,000	40,000
South Fork Flathead R. below Hungry Horse Dam	4	4	2,500	10,000
South Fork Flathead R. above Hungry Horse Res.	43	40	12,000	480,000
Middle Fork Flathead River below Nimrod	38	32	8,000	256,000
Middle Fork Flathead River above Nimrod	24	20	12,000	240,000
North Fork Flathead River	45	38	8,000	304,000
From Mouth Flathead River to Bonner Dam	90	60	5,000	300,000
Bitterroot River mouth to Hamilton	56	40	8,000	320,000
Bitterroot River Hamilton to Conner	20	18	10,000	180,000
From Bonner Dam to Rock Creek	15	10	1,000	10,000
Blackfoot River mouth to Nevada Creek	50	44	14,000	616,000
Clearwater River	20	15	5,000	75,000
North Fork Blackfoot River	20	18	10,000	180,000
Rock Creek	50	46	12,000	552,000
From Rock Creek to source (pollution)	90	0	0	0
Little Blackfoot River	30	26	2,500	65,000
Subtotals - Clark Fork of Columbia	866	631		\$ 5,076,000
Kootenai River	90	50	8,000	400,000
Yaak River	32	20	10,000	200,000
Subtotals - Kootenai	122	70		\$ 600,000